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GRIZZLIES PICK UP BIG WIN OVER HUSKIES;
ALMOST DEFEAT PHILLIPS 66ers

MISSOULA---

Despite the fact that it brought their season record to only 5 wins and 13 losses, the Montana Grizzlies' 78-75 victory over the University of Washington Huskies last Saturday night will probably go down as one of the biggest wins in the school's history.

The Bruins nearly picked up another almost as big Monday night, but fell short in losing to the talented Phillips 66ers 71-67.

The Grizzlies are idle until Feb. 17 when they hope to gain revenge against the Montana State Bobcats, who beat the Tips twice in Bozeman in mid-January.

In Saturday's win over Washington, balanced scoring and top performances by two usual reserves were the keys to success.

Stan Yoder, a junior from Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Max Agather, Libby sophomore whose twin brother Mark has been a Grizzly stalwart all season, led the Bruin attack that brought victory.

Yoder came in from the bench to replace Mark Agather, in trouble with three early fouls, and tallied 20 to lead Grizzly scoring. Max Agather started for the first time this season and finished second in scoring with 16 while leading Tip rebounders with 11 retrieves.

Max also held leading Husky scorer Dave Carr to 13 points, including only 5 of 20 field goals.

Other Grizzlies in double figures were guard Greg Hanson with 15, center Don Parsons with 12, and guard Rick Johnston with 11. All are seniors.

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The Huskies led by eight with seven minutes left in the first half before a Grizzly rush gave Montana a one-point edge at halftime, 36-35.

The Grizzlies quickly extended the margin to nine points with 16 minutes remaining in the contest before the Huskies began the first of two comebacks that were to make the outcome close. Montana led by nine three different times in the first half.

In Monday's loss to the 66ers from Bartlesville, Okla., Montana led only twice, after the first basket, 2-0, and with nearly two minutes gone, 4-3, before the 66ers took over and moved to a 39-31 halftime edge.

The 66ers led by 13 with 8 1/2 minutes left in the tilt before the Grizzlies began whittling the lead. With just under two minutes left, Steve Brown popped in a jumper to close the gap to 66-65, Phillips in front, and the visitors held on for victory.

The game was an exhibition affair, not counting in either record or statistics for the Grizzlies.

Despite being out of action for more than two weeks, guard Ron Moore continues to pace Montana scoring with 19.8 per game. Don Parsons is averaging 11.6, Johnston 9.7 and Mark Agather 8.3.

Parsons leads in rebounding with 8 per game, while Mark Agather has grabbed 6.8 rebounds per contest. Mark and Greg Hanson led Grizzly scoring against the Phillips 66ers with 21 points apiece.

Rick Johnston paces field goal shooting stats, hitting .484 per cent, followed by Hanson at .474 and Parsons at .472. Moore is the leading free throw shooter with .762 per cent, with Hanson hitting on .713 per cent of his charity tosses.

Hanson, since switching to guard four games ago, has averaged 15.3 points per game.

1967-68 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS
(18 Games: Season---5-13; League---2-6)

PLAYER	G	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	SH.M	REB	AVG.	PF-D	PTS.	AVG.
Ron Moore	13	89-193	.461	80-105	.762	129	51	3.9	42-4	258	19.8
Don Parsons	17	78-165	.472	41-65	.632	111	136	8.0	62-5	197	11.6
Rick Johnston	18	74-153	.484	27-54	.500	106	36	2.0	52-4	175	9.7
Mark Agather	18	69-155	.445	30-48	.626	104	122	6.8	62-8	168	9.3
Greg Hanson	18	56-118	.474	45-63	.713	80	92	5.1	76-9	157	8.7
John Cheek	15	25-72	.348	32-52	.616	67	33	2.2	25-1	82	5.5
Tom Jones	16	31-81	.383	10-24	.417	64	50	3.1	28-0	72	4.5
Steve Brown	16	20-64	.313	29-35	.828	50	61	3.8	34-1	69	4.3
Stan Yoder	12	23-70	.329	15-20	.750	52	21	1.8	13-0	61	5.1
Max Agather	10	11-30	.367	21-25	.840	23	28	2.8	17-0	43	4.3
Dave Gustafson	9	7-17	.412	5-10	.500	15	7	0.8	3-0	19	2.1
Sid Rhinehart	7	6-14	.428	6-12	.500	14	17	2.4	5-0	18	2.6
Ray Dirindin	4	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	2	3	0.8	3-0	8	2.0
Ron Madeen	3	0-5	.000	1-2	.500	6	0	0.0	1-0	1	0.3

TEAM REBOUNDS---165

UM TOTALS	18	492-1142	.431	344-517	.666	823	322	45.7	423-32	1328	73.8
OPPONENT TOTALS	18	549-1278	.429	384-555	.692	900	901	50.0	379-16	1482	82.3

RESULTS

WHERE PLAYED	UM	OPPONENTS	OPP	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER
Normal, Illinois	76	Illinois State	93	Moore---20	Moore, Parsons---9
Marquette, Michigan	74	Northern Michigan	93	Moore---16	Mark Agather---9
Missoula	94	Augustana (S.D.)	79	Moore---21	Parsons---12
Missoula	61	Washington State	81	Moore---20	Mark Agather---10
Missoula	88	Fresno State	72	Parsons---29	Parsons---14
Evansville, Indiana	76	Evansville	116	Parsons---17	Parsons---9
Evansville, Indiana	65	George Washington	67	Moore---20	Parsons---9
*Ogden, Utah	74	Weber State	67	Moore---36	Parsons---13
*Ogden, Utah	51	Weber State	75	Moore---14	Parsons---8
*Pocatello, Idaho	69	Idaho State	85	Three with 13	Brown---11
*Missoula	94	Gonzaga	75	Moore---36.	Brown---9
*Missoula	82	Gonzaga	83	Mk Agather, Moore---19	Three with 8
*Missoula	69	Idaho	76	Parsons---18	Parsons---13
*Bozeman, Montana	79	Montana State	83	Mark Agather---24	Mark Agather---8
*Bozeman, Montana	76	Montana State	107	Mark Agather---22	Mark Agather---14
Pullman, Washington	57	Washington State	79	Hanson---16	Parsons---8
Seattle, Washington	65	Washington	76	Parsons---15	Parsons---14
Missoula	78	Washington	75	Yoder---20	Max Agather---11

*Big Sky Conference Games

NEXT GAMES

Grizzlies vs. Montana State University in Missoula, 8 p.m., Feb. 17
Grizzlies vs. University of Idaho at Moscow, Feb. 23-24
Grizzlies vs. Gonzaga University at Spokane, Feb. 26
Grizzlies vs. Idaho State University in Missoula, 8 p.m., March 1-2
Grizzlies vs. Weber State College in Missoula, 8 p.m., March 4